

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005. Claims 1-31, 43 and 44 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1 and 17 are being amended. Claims 1-31, 43 and 44 remain for the Examiner's consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-31, 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite or failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 and Claim 17 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 112 rejection.

DRAWING OBJECTION

Applicants submit here with a Replacement Sheet of Fig. 153 illustrating Reference Numeral 3127. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawing.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,451,019.

In order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant is filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, as recommended by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

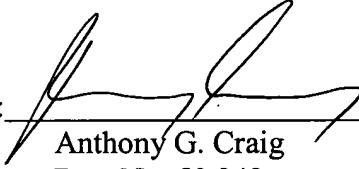
CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that all outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this reply, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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